

STUDY AREA DEFINITION

The RIDS study area generally comprises the coastal area (western portion) of the Lower West Coast Region. It includes the Cities of Cape Coral, Fort Myers, and Naples, franchise areas for Florida Water Services, Gulf Environmental Services, and Bonita Springs Utilities, and unincorporated areas of Lee and Collier Counties. Sanibel and Pine Island are presented for informational purposes only. The study area is presented in Figure 1.

The study area was developed from the following sources:

- Master plans
- Comprehensive land use plans
- Future growth areas (large developments)

Generally, the study area follows the limits of the projected 2020 service areas and contains approximately 558,000 acres. These 20 service areas are primarily comprised of residential areas, with smaller portions of commercial uses.

